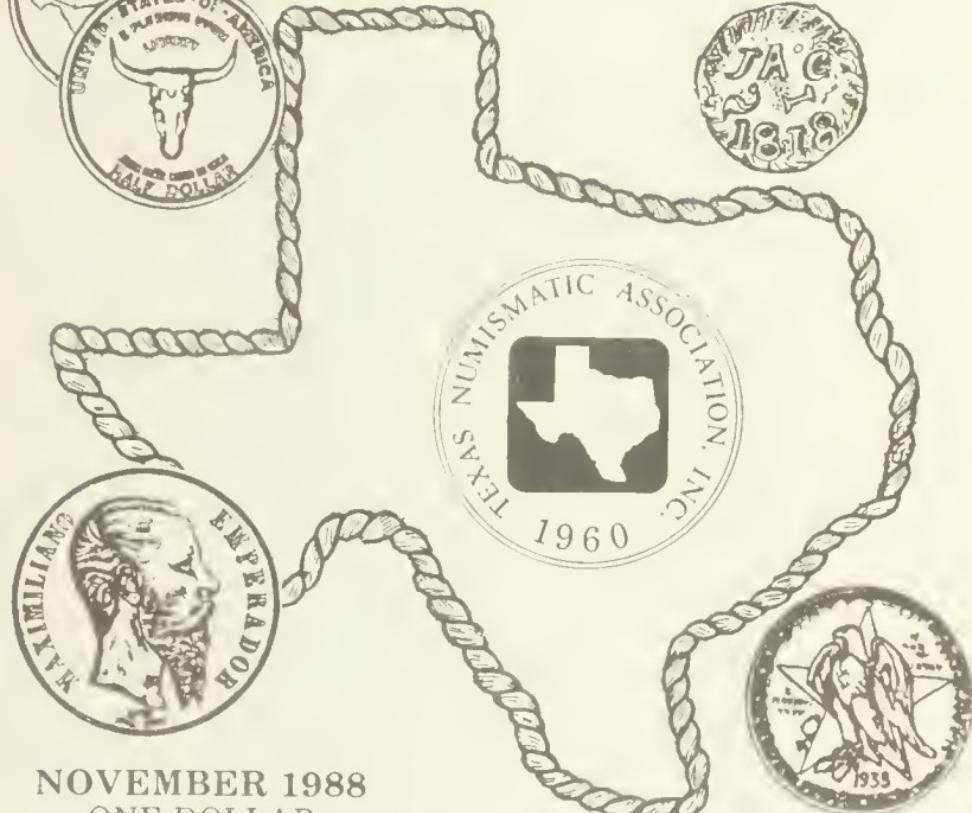


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow members — it's hard to believe but dues paying time is just around the corner. Your secretary will soon begin the task of sending out dues notices. You can help immeasurably, and at the same time save your Association some postage, by sending your dues payment of \$10.00 to her, now. Don't wait until you receive your notice. Save Eleanor the time and trouble of sending you your notice by paying now — while you are thinking about it. Let's see just how many early birds are out there in TNA land.

A reminder: Regular membership dues remain at \$10.00; Junior membership dues will go to \$5.00; Associate member dues will advance to \$5.00; and Life member dues will increase to \$200.00. To take care of the lower rate, you may pay Junior and Associate dues one year in advance. In other words, an Associate member may remit before January 1, 1989, \$1.00 to cover dues for 1989. After January 1, 1989 the dues for Associates will be \$5.00 annually. And you have 60 days to become a Life member at the \$150.00 rate.

It is now November preceding an election year. This means, according to our By-laws, that a call for nominations must be made in this issue of the **TNA NEWS**. NOMINATIONS ARE NOW IN ORDER, AND MUST BE IN THE HANDS

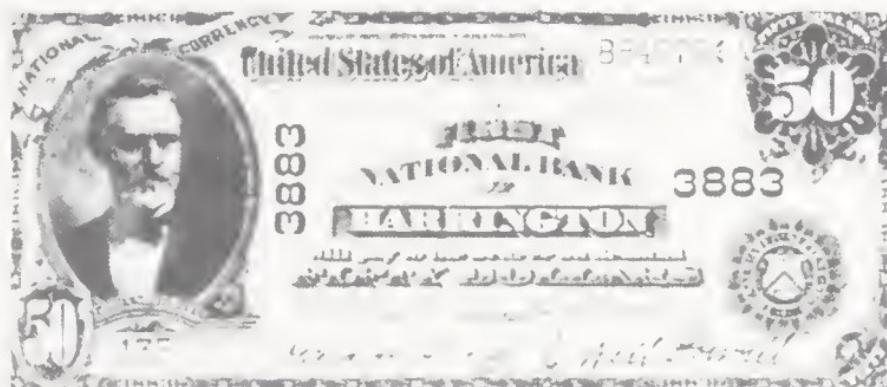
OF THE SECRETARY BY JANUARY 5, 1989. A district governor may be nominated only by a club in that district and the nominee must reside in that district. The other elected officers may be nominated by either a club, or by an individual member. Nominations must be in writing and accompanied by an acceptance and a short biography of the nominee. Indications are that for the first time in a good many years we will have several contested races. I think this is healthy. It shows that more than one person is interested in serving the Association in a given capacity and certainly gives the membership some choice. PLEASE DO YOUR PART BY NOMINATING A QUALIFIED PERSON, AND THEN, WHEN THE TIME COMES, VOTE. Too few do this.

I am really pleased to tell you that the TNA Memorial Library is now open for business. Pat Dollen of Abilene has spent many hours on sorting, cleaning, cataloguing, etc. our many books and publications. Over a period of several months a list of books will be published within these pages. Watch for this! We also have a number of slide sets but these need to be refurbished. You will be notified as these become available.

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THE JOHN SHERMAN STORY

Frank Clark
Carrollton, Texas



Third Charter \$50 National Bank Note with portrait of John Sherman at left.

John Sherman's portrait appears on large size national bank \$50 notes of the Third Charter Period. These were issued from 1902 to 1929. Who is John Sherman?

John Sherman was born in Lancaster, Ohio on May 10, 1823. His forefathers had emigrated from England to Massachusetts in 1635. His father, Edward, moved to Ohio in 1811 and became a member of the State Supreme Court. His father died in 1829. John's mother was left with 11 children. John was the eighth child and he was three years younger than his favorite brother, William Tecumseh Sherman.

He went to school until he was 14 and then he left to work on canals and dam building. In 1840 he began to study law in Mansfield, Ohio, under his eldest brother Charles and an uncle. He was admitted to the bar in 1844. He acquired an interest in a lumber firm and began

to buy real estate. In 1848 he married Margaret Sarah Stewart, the only child of a prominent Mansfield judge. They had no children but adopted a daughter.

He became active in Whig politics and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1854, thus beginning a political career in Washington that was to last for almost half a century. He served as Representative from 1855 — 1861; Republican Senator from Ohio, 1861 — 1877; Secretary of the Treasury under President Hayes, 1877 — 1881; Senator, 1881 — 1897; and Secretary of State under President McKinley, 1897 — 1898. He was in failing health and had to resign from the cabinet because he could not support the American war with Spain. He died on October 22, 1900 in Washington, D.C.

His importance as a post Civil War statesman was chiefly in the

field of government finance, where he encouraged a policy of "pay as you go." He convinced bankers that the government should redeem its obligations in gold. Later, as an elder statesman, he was influential in keeping the Eastern and Mid-western wings of the Republican Party in working agreement on

many important issues. For these services he thought that the party in turn should have nominated him for president. The primary reasons for his failure seem to have been a colorless personality and lack of a knowledge of how to manage politicians.

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LIBRARY DONATIONS HONOR DECEASED TNA MEMBERS

Members of the First Wednesday Night Study Group of San Antonio honored their friend and fellow numismatist, Freeman L. Craig Sr., with a total contribution of \$625.00 to the TNA Memorial Library in his memory. These funds will be used for the purchase of educational material which will, in turn, be made available to the TNA membership.

Those contributors include Lyman C. Bartee, Mac Kennedy, Moton Crockett III, all of Austin, Ricardo Medina, Dan Krueger, John Harper, M.D., Del Cooke, Bob Medlar, Robin Ellis, Bill Murray, George His, Frank O'Sullivan and Terry O'Sullivan, of San Antonio.

Other donations to the library fund have been made by the Gateway Coin Club, San Angelo Coin

Club, H.G. Tom Crogan, Ellis Brooks, Reed Hawn and Norma Mather, with some in memory of Craig, Lee Grossman, Joe B. Davis and Wally Gilmore, who served as librarian from 1965 to 1978.

In acknowledging these donations, TNA President Mac Kennedy said: "It is a marvelous way to remember our deceased members and Texas Numismatic Association thanks all, most warmly, for such generous gifts."

The TNA library is now in operation on a limited basis as most of the over-50 slide sets are being refurbished. However, the books, auction catalogs, etc. are ready and a list can be obtained from Pat Dollen, TNA librarian, 2155 S. 1st, Abilene, Texas 79605.

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GAMING CHIPS & TOKENS A COLLECTOR'S CHALLENGE

John Kallman
San Antonio Texas

Gambling and the use of gaming chips or score markers are perhaps as old as man himself. In the United States, we can trace their history back some 300 years.

Chips have been made of porcelain, clay, mother-of-pearl, bone, ivory, celluloid, rubber, wood and cardboard. Early chips of the 1700-1800's were intricately carved, usually without denominations marked on them, and with shapes varying from round to oval and even rectangular.

Modern chips, of course, are of a near universal size and shape with only their design and color varying. While Atlanta casino's \$1 chips are restricted to white, Nevada has no such restrictions, and colors as well as color combinations can be found in a wide variety.

Today, chips are made in usually one of two ways. The first is a clay composition with a shellac over a cardboard or paper center inlay. On these chips, mold designs are the actual body of the chip. Around the outer edge many chips have two or three colored markings, called inserts, which contrast the color of the chip. In the center of the chips are the inlays where the club name and chip value appear. The mold design of the chip is the key to determine the manufacture. For example — horseheads or horseshoes indicate the chip was made by Langworthy & Company while hats and canes indicate the chip was made by Paulson & Company. The second method is plastic injection. This

produces a lighter weight chip, usually used for denominations of \$1.00 or less; and these chips are of a uniform color.

Chips are found in all denominations including 10, 25 and 50 cents; \$1, \$2, \$2.50, \$5 and up. Casinos often use different chips for different games; poker; blackjack; roulette; baccarat; etc. All told, considering just Nevada's past and present casinos, there could be well over 15,000 different types of chips. One casino in business for 45 years had almost four dozen different chip styles and denominations in use at one time or another.

Chips from casinos now closed usually bring the most value, but old style or obsolete chips from a current casino can also be quite valuable too. This is because when the chips are "retired," all the outstanding chips are usually bought up by the casino at face value, thus lowering the total number available to the collector. One casino, which recently built a new addition, poured over 1 million old chips into the foundation.

Adding to the value of the chips is the fact that they are not useable from one casino to the next. So, even to buy all current casino chips in use, one would have to visit each and every casino. Casino chips also come in a variety of "non negotiable" type values which are not "sobr," just merely used in the gaming area.

While gaming chip history can be traced back over hundreds of years

with varieties of size, shape, color and composition, tokens on the other hand have generally only been in use since 1965.

With the demise of the U.S. Silver dollars, the casinos needed a ready, inexpensive alternative, thus the birth of the \$1 gaming token.

The early ones had raised rims to protect the image area of the token and many were considered works of art. These also had dates and mint marks. The last major production of tokens (1979-1980) lacked most of these features, and thus do not stand the ravages of time.

Tokens are constantly in motion: slot machines, counting machines, drop tubes, stacked, racked, bagged and thrown around 24 hours a day — every day of the year. Thus, the almost sole arbiter of value is condition. There are not even "mint" figures available to determine rarity. And unlike chips, tokens are freely passed from one casino's slot machine to the next. So while you can find many different tokens at one casino, you may have to look for a long time to come up with a good

one or two. One dealer in tokens who works full time in a casino along with his wife, reports searching a week to find 8 to 10 that are collectable.

Since the original \$1 tokens, there are now \$5 and even \$25 tokens as well as "free play" tokens.

As would be expected, there is very little in the way of books to help the collector in this hobby. There was a "CASINO & GAMING CHIPS MAGAZINE" which lasted for less than two full years and they did publish a list of both current and non-operating casinos. Other than that, dealers' lists appear to be the only other alternative. Current dealers who specialize in chips and tokens are:

Deb's, Box 6445, Burbank
CA 92505.

High Sierra Numismatics,
Box 1000, Minden NV 89423.

Washoe Token Co., Box
41267, Reno NV 89504.

World Wide Casino Ex-
change, Box 14827, Las Vegas
NV 89114.

LITTRELL

Glen W. Littrell, known in numismatic circles for his wooden money celebrating National Coin Week, died at his Corpus Christi home on September 22. Littrell issued the dollar-size woods annually and the main design feature was the whooping crane, native to the Corpus Christi area. He was 75.

Littrell served as principal of King High School when it opened in 1965. Prior to that time, he served at

several other schools in that same capacity. He was an active member of the Corpus Christi Coin Club and area clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Amber; a son, Gary Littrell; two daughters, Sharon Tillman and Dixie Hines, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Westley United Methodist Church on September 26.

PCS SPECIAL MEETING IN CONVENTION PLANS

The first official meeting of the newly formed Philippine Collector's Society will take place during the Texas Numismatic Association convention in El Paso in April if all goes well, according to TNA convention officials. More details on the special meeting will be announced in upcoming issues of **TNA NEWS**.

Hosting the 1989 TNA convention is the International Coin Club of El Paso on April 27, 28 and 29. Site of activities will be the Civic Center.

Also planned is an auction on Saturday evening, April 29, conducted by Vintage Auctions, Inc. and Larry Hanks of El Paso.

Representatives of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of Washington, D.C. have accepted an invitation to attend the convention and to display the historic Spider press. Plans also are under discussion to issue a souvenir card.

Bourse chairman is Walt Woelper and those wanting to reserve a table should write to Woelper, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

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Seems that only last week, not last month, I was writing the page for **TNA News**. But time really flies when one is having fun.

Last month we were engaged in the combined efforts of ANA and McDonald's program of coins from south of the border. I am told that we, Greater Houston, could be about the only coin club which really participated in the effort. It almost seems that ANA wanted to keep the effort a secret as few of the region representatives were informed well enough in advance to participate in an effective manner.

Carl Fogarty, candidate for TNA governor of District VI, and I attended the Rice Belt Coin Club's second annual show in El Campo, held in September. It was really enjoyable; a one day show but attended by about 200 attendees. This was a 100% increase over the first show held last year. There was a single exhibit, set up by nine-year-old collector, Jennifer Johnson. Her exhibit was entitled: "Wheat Penny 1909-58." She was given special recognition for her efforts. Many old friends and acquaintances were met and some new ones were made. Rice Belt is one of our newest clubs

and is going like a "house afire."

Perhaps many of you have seen the advertisement in **TNA News**, placed there by member Tom Crogan. Tom is working on an accurate recording of the history of TNA from its inception in 1960 to date. If anyone has information which will be of use to him, I'm sure that he will be most grateful for your contributions. I am aware that errors can and will creep into the best intended records. For instance, I found an error some years ago but I now see that it has been corrected. The 1966 TNA convention was at Galveston, the only time for the city. I believe that Dallas had been given credit for this year. I was in attendance and remember it well. These were the days of Jack and Ava Setzer, Jim Chambers and many others who are now no longer actively pursuing numismatics.

One good piece of information is that the Greater Houston Coin Club has donated \$2,000 of its profits from the 1988 TNA convention to TNA. It required no arm twisting or threats to unearth any buried skeletons ... just normal Texas generosity.

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It was a warm Saturday morning around 10 a.m., August 27, when Kwan Shek, Anthony Fischer and I packed foreign coin books, a Red Book, a display case, applications for ANA, TNA, Greater Houston Coin Club and Clements Coin Club, and two magnifying glasses. Kwan and Anthony are president and vice president respectively of the CCC of Clements High School, Sugar Land.

We volunteered to conduct one of the many coin clinics sponsored by GHCC and our location was in the southwest area of Houston.

McDonald's and the ANA joined together to increase coin collecting interest through the Chicken McNuggets Fiesta Latin American Coin Promotion program. For every box of Chicken McNuggets purchased, a free coin is given from one of six Latin American countries — Argentina, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru or Venezuela.

We were able to assist many McDonald's patrons with coin identification, club information and information about general areas of numismatic interest.

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The Clements Coin Club held their first official meeting of the new school year on September 29 with 24 members present. So far, 15 new members have joined for a total of 87. Two special people, Nela Runkle and Vin Hennessey, also attended.

Kwan Shek, president, explained the goals and values as it relates to education and numismatics. He also introduced the other officers: Christina Burleson, 2nd vice president; Todd Clampffer, secretary; Angelika Stoey, treasurer; and Keith Marrero, historian and junior advisor to the GHCC governing board. Anthony Fischer, 1st vice president, was absent.

Darren Davis told the members about the TNA Bronze Medal Project in which he was the first in the state to complete, and his experiences in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the "coin collectors" national headquarters. He also talked about his trip to Cincinnati, Ohio for his first ANA convention.

Top membership recruiters are Stephanie Glover and Stacy Oberlies.



Kwan Shek and Ralph Ross joined "Ronald McDonald" at one of Houston's McDonald's locations to spread the numismatic word among non-collectors.

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Young Numismatists, November marks the 11th month of the TNA Bronze Medal Project. I have a very important announcement for all YNs. There is only one Alamo silver medal left. It will be presented to the sixth YN who completes all eight Bronze Medal Project activities. Will the sixth and final medal be earned by you? I sincerely hope I will list your name as the sixth Young Numismatist to earn the final Alamo silver medal in the December issue of the *TNA News*.

Our vacation in August was filled with two new experiences. It was our first time to attend a western film festival in Memphis, Tennessee. Our second "first" was a most rewarding experience. We discovered that Hernando, Mississippi,

the home of the Green Duck Mint, is only 77 miles south of Memphis. This presented an opportunity we could not pass up. The Green Duck Mint struck our convention medals last year and this visit provided perfect timing to meet some of the mint employees. Karla and I spent about three hours at the mint. We toured the facilities and met many of the key workers who coordinate, prepare and produce the medals for TNA. I was especially pleased to meet the talented engraver and the sales consultant with whom I have been in contact throughout the year. It was a most interesting and rewarding experience.

Until next time ...

*Happy Thanksgiving
to all the TNA Family!*



A side trip to Hernando, Miss. afforded Frank Galindo, TNA medals officer, an opportunity to observe first hand the operation of the Green Duck Mint, the firm which produces the TNA medals. At left is Galindo; center, Eugene A. Weissman, mint engraver; and Becky Ruth, sales consultant.

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5221 (D-14) Fred O. Brooks, P.O. Box 3416, McAllen, Texas 78502. Lyman C. Bartee.

A-5227 (D-7) Mrs. Joyce Crowell, 107 E. Bowie, Luling, Texas 78648. USA. Jay Crowell & H.G. Crogan.

5228 (D-5) John A. Dowlen, 1911 Finley Rd., Irving, Texas 75062. Early Indian and Lincoln Cents. Frank Clark.

5229 (D-4) Fred Barkley Jr., Box 5279, Austin, Texas. 78763. Ancient Coins. Mac Kennedy.

5230 (D-4) Owen M. Smith, 1124 Rutland Dr. #6, Austin, Texas 78758. Mac Kennedy.

5231 (D-16) John R. Rose, 2317 Kent St., Bryan, Texas 77802. Foreign. Paul E. Garner.

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4476 Richard Dollen — Abilene, Texas.

4588 Richard P. Mowery — Austin, Texas.

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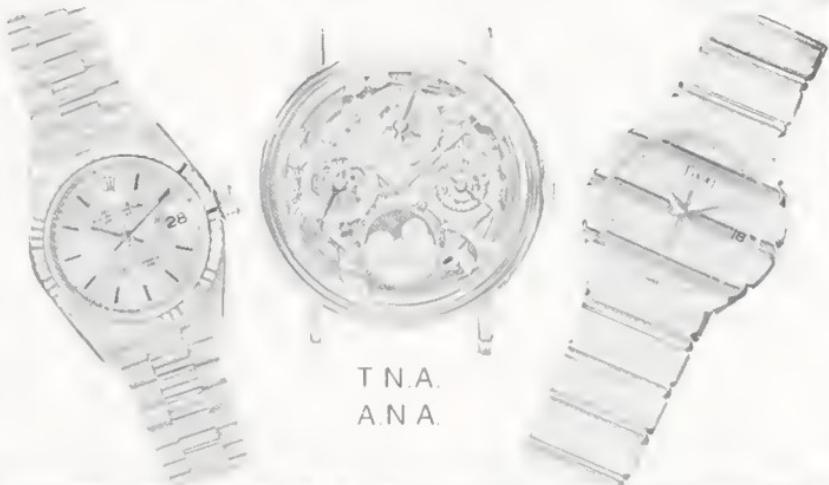
Berkie is owner and operator of the Elbee Co. of San Antonio, one of five in the country making wooden money. He also handles assorted novelties and magic supplies, an inventory he wants to liquidate and concentrate on the woods.

Berkie was featured in an October 2 news article by Rob Leibold, business writer for the Express News of San Antonio.

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TNA Secretary Allowance Petty Cash	281.81
TNA News Editor Allowance Petty Cash	215.19
Jerry Williams (6 Months For Postage & Phone)	36.97
Pat Dollen (Library Fund Expenses)	306.96
Mac Kennedy (TNA Board Meeting Expense)	90.21
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Denison 75020 214 463-5211

NOVEMBER 5-6

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NOVEMBER 19

KINGSVILLE COIN CLUB,
coin show, Student Union Bldg., A.
& I. University Campus. WRITE:
David Burke, Box 585, Kingsville
78363.

NOVEMBER 19-20

RED RIVER COIN CLUB
annual coin & stamp show, Activity
Center, Wichita Falls. **CONTACT:**
Logan Essex, Box 4061, Wichita
Falls 76308, 817 692-8332.

NOVEMBER 25-27

PASADENA COIN CLUB,
coin show, Hobby Airport Hilton,
8181 Airport Blvd., Houston.
WRITE: Club, Box 58155, Houston
77258

DECEMBER 4

DALWORTH COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn at Six Flags, Arlington. WRITE: Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180.

FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1989 — EL PASO
APRIL 28, 29, 30

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Until next month, please don't forget to pay your dues early and give some very serious thought to those whom you would like to have serve you and your Association for the next two years. Gerald Kendall has announced his candidacy for the office of president, and I have announced my candidacy for the office of first vice president. So, we already have two candidates for office.

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JANUARY 13-15	Texas Coin Dealers Association, Austin
JANUARY 27-29	Greater Houston Coin Club
FEBRUARY 4-5,	Long Beach, Calif. Annual Show
FEBRUARY 11,	Hidalgo Coin Cluh (Rio Grande Valley)
FEBRUARY 18-19,	Mid-Season Coin & Stamp Show (Fort Worth — Joe Wade)
MARCH 4-5,	Gateway Coin Club, San Antonio
MARCH 4-5,	Hunt County Coin Club, Greenville
MARCH 10-12,	Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Exposition, Irving
MARCH 11-12,	Mississippi State Show
MARCH 11-12,	South Plains Coin Club, Lubbock
MARCH 25-26,	Easter Weekend
APRIL 1-2,	Waco Coin Club
APRIL 8-9,	Corpus Christi Coin Club
APRIL 15-16,	Dalworth Coin & Stamp Club
APRIL 28-29,	TNA Convention, El Paso
MAY 12-14,	Oklahoma Numismatic Assn. Convention (Also Mother's Day Weekend)
MAY 27-28,	Memorial Day Weekend
JUNE 3-4,	Garland Coin Cluh
JUNE 10-11,	Capital City Coin Club (Austin)
JUNE 17-18,	Dallas Coin Show (Jay Krugjohann) (Not Dallas Coin Club)
JULY 1-2,	July 4th Weekend
AUGUST 25-27,	Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Exposition, Irving
SEPTEMBER 2-3,	Labor Day Weekend
SEPTEMBER 23-24,	Austin Texas Coin Club
NOVEMBER 25-26,	Thanksgiving Weekend
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District Meetings

PLEASE NOTE: If your club activities are not listed that means (1) The report was not received by the 1st of the month deadline or (2) The TNA Club representative, reporter or secretary did not send it to the TNA NEWS editor.

DISTRICT I —

Morse Ross gave a program for members of **Stephenville Coin Club** about a 19 year old college student who started a coin vending business with one machine, now has 40 machines and a growing business. Ross was introduced by Bill Stem, program chairman. One guest, Steve Crump, was present for the meeting held at Golden Coral Restaurant.

Bill Crump conducted the 19-lot auction of silver and gold coins.

— Jo Stem, Sec.

DISTRICT II —

New officers were installed during the recent meeting of **Midland Coin Club** and include Clifford Nutter, president; Harry Littleton, vice president; and Gayland Stehle, secretary-treasurer.

The installation service was followed by a club auction featuring coins and philatelic literature. Door prizes were also awarded.

— Gayland Stehle, Sec.



Charles Green
Governor

DISTRICT III —

Bob Kirley was in charge of the program at the meeting of **Key City Coin Club** meeting in Abilene. Kirkley's program consisted of 10 questions on the Buffalo nickel. Rodney McClintock and Mark Ellis were winners with nine correct answers.

Winning special prizes were Buster Caudel and Imogene Norwood. An auction was held at the close of the meeting.

— P. Dollen, Sec.

DISTRICT V —

"Bring a Numismatic Book" was the theme for the program at the **Garland Coin Club** meeting. Bringing books and participating in the program were Tim Lee, Ron Blaha, Karl Muck and Frank Clark.



Paul Garner
Governor

During the business session, members were reminded of the upcoming election of new officers and suggestions should be given to Ray Holt, Al Bromberg or to one of the current officers. Plans were also discussed for the annual Christmas party.

Kurt McEnaney conducted the 42-lot auction and Michael R. Launi won the door prize.

— Jim Jeska, Sec.

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The Texomaland Coin Club of Denison is hosting its annual coin show on November 5-6 at the Holiday Inn, Junction Hwy 69 & 75 in Denison.

Bourse chairman is Vic Schultz, 1200 S. Mirick, Denison 75020, telephone 214-463-5211.

DISTRICT VI —

Attendance at the September coin show nearly doubled over last year according to reports from Ricebelt Coin Club of El Campo, sponsoring club. Special thanks went to Dwight Tiller, show coordinator, and other members who assisted in show duties.

Under discussion were suggestions for programs at meetings and included bringing coins to show other members, and programs on the history of U.S. coins.

Rosa Lee Taylor is a new member along with Sam Conner and Shawn Ladewig, junior members. Coins were distributed to the juniors to help start their collections. The members voted to support Carl Fogarty of Houston as TNA District 6 governor in the April 1989 TNA election of officers. The door prize, donated by Art Keinarth, was won by junior member G.P. Conner.



Chris Johns
Governor

Refreshments were furnished by Ruth and Leo Roush and Jere Jones.

— Grace Vaclavick, Sec.

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As members of Bellaire Coin Club were enjoying a slide program on Coins of Significance through the courtesy of the ANA, the bulb in the projector burned out, disappointing the audience. The ANA was contacted and permission was given to hold the slide set until the next meeting.

Members also participated in auctions and numismatic games at the meetings.

— Newsletter.

DISTRICT VII —

Raymond Tate was installed as president of Gateway Coin Club of San Antonio during a dinner meeting held at Cappy's Restaurant. Others installed were Vincent Grubb, vice president; John Kallman, secretary; and Karla Galindo, treasurer. Frank Galindo, TNA District 7 governor, was the installing officer.

Frank Galindo
Governor

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At one of the two September meetings of Alamo Coin Club of San Antonio, a slide program was presented on Commemorative Coins of Brazil. Shown were the many designs used on Brazil's coins celebrating or honoring historical events and people.

— Newsletter

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DISTRICT VIII —

Friends and members of the Corpus Christi Coin Club were saddened by the death of fellow member Glen Littrell and expressed these thoughts: "There is another vacant chair in our club room, and an ache in our hearts, but Glen's friendly smile and gentle voice will always be a pleasant memory."

Tommy Jasek gave a program at the October 4 meeting and on October 18, John Smolik conducted an auction. Members were reminded of the coin show on November 5-6 and also a coin show at Texas A & I Student Union Bldg. on November 19 sponsored by Kingsville Coin Club.

— Newsletter

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Recent programs enjoyed by members of Kingsville Coin Club include a game of numismatic bingo with prizes donated by Martha Burke, a talk on the Lincoln cent by Don Bryan and a program by Dave Burke, title not announced.

Ideas were discussed as to how to promote the club to area young people and Don Bryan suggested that starter coin sets be assembled and given away at club events.

— David Burke, Club Pres.

DISTRICT IX —

E. L. Pitzer gave a report on TNA activities at the meeting of South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock and Herman Jacobs, coin show chairman, updated his report on the show and door prize tickets. Norris



E. L. Pitzer
Governor

Rumsey volunteered to take charge of the Christmas party planned for December.

Seventeen members participated in a bourse set up, buying, selling and trading coins. Winning the door prize was Bobby McMichaels.

— E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.

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Members of Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield discussed the TNA slide set program and planned to order some for future meetings. Nine attended the meeting held at the Reddy Room.

E. L. Pitzer reported on the recent TNA Board meeting held in Austin. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Havens and Larry Sanderson. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

— E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.

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DISTRICT XIII —

Over 60 school children visited the Red River Museum in Vernon in one week to view a standing numismatic exhibit assembled by the Greenbelt Coin Club, according to a report by Carl Flores. He stated

that the museum has a new director who said she would give the exhibit a more prominent location so even more visitors will be attracted to it.

E. B. "Rohby" Robinson conducted a 47-lot auction for the 13 members present.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

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Ray Whyborn gave a short talk on the Disney Dollars being used at Disneyland during the meeting of the Red River Coin Club of Iowa Park. He said there is a total of five issues so far with only one major design change on the back of the \$5.00 note. It was changed from the Paddlewheel Riverboat to the Epcot Center at Disney World. Paper has been changed and other details have been slightly altered but basically they appear to be the same.

Due to the low attendance, the meeting was devoted to casual numismatic conversation, trading and enjoying each other's company.

— Raymond E. Whyborn
Gov. Dist. 13.

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Raymond E. Whyborn
Governor

No educational program was conducted but everyone enjoyed reviewing the auction lots and talking about the good old days of coin and stamp collecting at the Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club meeting. Sixteen were present.

Connolly O'Brien was in charge of the 57-lot auction and Whyborn won both door prizes.

Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

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Members of the newest coin club in District 13 — Cotton Country Coin Club — were entertained by Jimmie F. Collier, club president, with an illustrated talk on "What Makes a Coin Valuable?" He spoke on grading and how to use the ANA Grading Guide and Coin Prices Magazine. He also spoke on popularity of a coin and bullion value.

TNA District Governor Raymond Whyborn presented a TNA Achievement award to Secretary Clifton Rhineheart for his administrative and financial assistance in founding the club. Bill Gann conducted a 50-lot auction of U.S. and world coins and paper money. Door prize winners were Delwin Vernon and Whyhorn.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

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Blake Penner and Jason Warren, juniors attending the meeting of Seymour Coin Club, were given two world coins to identify and if they could name the country, denominations and date, they could keep the coins and also receive a Great Britain 2-Pence coin as a bonus. The boys used the instant identifier

and numeric identity charts in the **Standard Catalog of World Coins** to identify their new coins which were Saudi Arahia 1-Ghirsh pieces dated 1346 and 1378.

Gene Wheeler gave a talk on the risks of buying coins in view of the volatility of the precious metals market. He cautioned to be aware that the volatility of the market can cause the value of a collectible coin to go down just as well as it can increase over the years.

New club members are Mark Warren, Jason Warren, G. C. Laney and Retha Holcomb. Joe Dickson was in charge of the auction.

— Raymond E. Whyborn,
Gov. Dist. 13.

DISTRICT XIV —

Rod Bates gave a progress report on the coin and collectible show to be hosted by **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley. The show will be held at Ranchero Village Recreation Hall, 1900 S. Bridge Ave., Weslaco. For more information contact Bates, Box 13052, Port Isabel 78578, telephone 512/943-1050.

Norma Mather gave a talk about her exhibit of Russian Rubles which she displayed in Houston at the TNA convention.

During the business session, Bates announced plans for a new coin club in Port Isabel South Padre Island. Welcomed to the club was Cliff Welty of Port Isabel. Walter Cross won the door prize. The auction was conducted by Mike DiGennaro.

— Helen Snider,
Gov. Dist. 14.



Helen Snider
Governor

DISTRICT XV —

Paper money and commemoratives of the Civil War were discussed by Jerry Williams at the **Beaumont Coin Club** meeting. He described the events of the War and told the group about Confederate bills and the Stone Mountain commemorative half dollar. He showed examples to illustrate his talk.



Dewey L. Scott
Governor

Bill Stein, club president, gave a mini-program on Buffalo nickels, Types I and II. The coin's designer was James E. Frazier. Bill described the signs of wear on the cheek of the Indian and the hind-quarter of the Bison.

Door prizes were won by Jim Eldridge, Gus Gulley, Jack Provost, Stein and Williams.

— Kaye Brown, Sec.

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Tidbits of advice and information were given by some of the dealer-members at the meeting of **Silsbee Coin Club**. They were: watch out for counterfeit slabs; ANACS will start grading coins in November; and NGC is the highest rated grading company in America so far.

Scottie, a club member, gave a talk on half cents which were minted from 1793 to 1857. During those years the design was changed six times. Inflation made the half cent impractical to mint.

Lucky door prize winners were Esca Hicks and Wayne Bradley.

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PROOF SETS

South Africa 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969; Bahamas 1973; Tunisia 1969, 10 Coins in Case, All Dinars.

MISCELLANEOUS

29 Crisp Unc. Foreign Banknotes; Equatorial Guinea Proof Silver 2000 Ekuele, Registered #5805; Bahamas \$10 Proof on Stamped Cachet; Panama Proof Silver 20 Balboa 1971; HemisFair '68 San Antonio World's Fair, 3 Proof Brass Medals.

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HEALTHY HOBBY

Although reporters focus their attention on silver bullion coins such as the American Silver Eagle or Mexican Onza, the coin collecting or numismatic hobby is in good health, according to the Silver Institute Letter, August-September issue. Of the 30 million ounces of silver that went into coinage, commemorative coins of 69 countries consumed 17.3 million ounces while

silver bullion coins accounted for 12.7 million ounces.

Among the most popular silver commemorative coin themes were the Calgary Winter Olympics; Canadian explorations; Austrian historical sites; European Economic Unity; World Soccer Cup; Pope John Paul II; XXIV Summer Olympics in Korea and Chinese Year of the Rabbit.

SILVER WITHDRAWAL

In July, the government of Peru, the No. 2 producer of silver, announced a plan which could lead to a withdrawal of 18% of the free world's silver production from the market for the next two years.

With the objective of creating collateral for short-term loans to pay for imports, the Peruvian Central

Bank will purchase most of Peru's silver production of more than 60 million ounces per year.

Under the July 21 decree, Peruvian silver mines will be offered the international silver price plus a 15% bonus at the regular street rate of exchange (currently 190-195 intis to one U.S. dollar).

SILVER MAPLE LEAF

The Minister responsible for the Royal Canadian Mint, Otto Jelinek, announced that the government has granted the Mint approval to produce and market a legal tender silver Maple Leaf bullion coin. It will be pure silver, having a fineness of 9999 ("four nines"). The

silver Maple Leaf will share the basic design motif of the gold Maple Leaf coins and will be struck in one-ounce size and will bear a face value of five dollars (Cdn). Timing of the minting of this new coin will depend on "evolving market conditions."

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FEBRUARY 1 IS DEADLINE FOR CLUB SALUTE ENTRY

It soon will be time for Texas coin clubs to submit resumes on 1988 activities for eligibility in the annual Club Salute award.

If the TNA club representative or secretary does not take the initiative to send in the club entry, we hope there is a volunteer in your group to take on the project. Nice awards for first, second and third places are furnished by Austin Coin Club and your club just might take home one of them.

Send all entries to **TNA NEWS** Editor, 315 Vance Jackson C-26, San Antonio, 78201. Deadline is February 1, 1989.

Please include the following in all entries:

1. Name of club and how many members in good standing.
2. When and where club meetings are held.
3. Types of programs usually held. Describe any special program held during the year and name any

special guests.

4. Are numismatic exhibits a part of club meetings? Give details on any exhibit for special events or civic functions.

5. Describe any charitable activities and/or donations to local civic projects.

6. Describe how club meetings and coin shows, if any, are publicized.

7. Have any special honors been bestowed on any member or the club?

8. Describe any efforts the club has made to further and encourage numismatics, and to increase interest in the club. Include the club's effort to increase membership in the club and TNA.

9. In what way does your club encourage junior membership, not only in club activities, but also in TNA.

10. Give name and address of the TNA club representative.

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Clubs entering must have 20 or more members including juniors, and in the event of an individual being a member of more than one club, each club can claim credit.

Entries must be postmarked no later than March 7 and mailed to the TNA secretary. Include a club roster, and beside each name, mark yes or no as to the individual being a TNA member, type of membership and number.

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